Where is the DOG?

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In the middle of the night, my delayed cognitive processing lit up.

Where is Winter's dog?

A few years ago, Winter a.k.a. Milo Winter who used his pre-transition deadname on an infamous novel called *Age of Scorpius* (see the Goodreads link), did some sort of online crowdfunding event on his TikTok so he could have a service dog. He cited the dog as necessary to his mental health. I think the dog's name was Smidge? I could be wrong. I only know this because I've absorbed hours and hours of Winter/*Age of Scorpius* content to try to make sense of Winter's claimed neurotype.

Anyway, the crowdfunding was apparently successful, and Winter allegedly posted photos of himself and his service dog together on his Instagram or something.

In the latest development on this front, Winter has fled to Finland, ostensibly to be closer to one of his team members, so he can work on putting out a new edition of his book.

Where is Smidge?

Absolutely no one has asked this question. **Smidge is the one individual who is caught up in this entire drama who has no voice of his own and is entirely dependent upon the goodwill of his handler, Winter.**

Getting a dog into Finland isn't just a matter of buying an extra airline ticket in coach.

After a hasty Google search, I found out how to import a medically necessary animal into Finland.

The requirements:

- ISO microchip (pre-rabies)
- Rabies vaccination documentation
- Rabies antibody titre test
- must be done at an EU-approved laboratory ➡️ cannot be rushed
- requires *30 days after vaccination + 3 months wait* before entry
- EU veterinary certificate issued within 10 days of travel
- Entry only through designated border inspection points
- Declared movement with advance notice
- Airline-specific disability/service documentation
- No “surprise” service dogs allowed on flights to Finland

Total minimum prep time: **4 months**, not two weeks.

Finland does not recognize emotional support animals as a medical necessity. Pets must go through the same four-month clearance before entering the country.

WHERE IS SMIDGE?

Winter alleges disability. ➡️ The dog is not supposed to leave him, and that means he can’t leave the dog behind, even if family and friends are looking after Smidge.

If Winter left Smidge behind. ➡️ Then the dog was never medically necessary.

If Smidge is with Winter but off-camera. ➡️ Winter is not in Finland if he cannot take Smidge with him on two weeks’ notice.

Winter is in Finland. ➡️ Smidge ends up traumatically separated from his handler.

Is Smidge real? ➡️ Photos of Winter with Smidge were posted, although now deleted. Multiple sources confirm that there was a successful crowdfunding effort. Smidge vanishes from Winter's personal narrative shortly after the crowdfunding concluded, and Smidge has been entirely absent from the *Age of Scorpius* drama.

Winter framed Smidge as:

- medically necessary,
- essential to his mental health,
- vital to managing disability,
- part of his survival narrative.

If he left the dog behind in the US:

- he abandoned a medical device
- he abandoned a dependent animal
- he contradicts his own disability narrative
- he contradicts the emotional framing he used in his essay

If Smidge exists, Winter's Finland relocation cannot also be true.

If the relocation is true, Smidge cannot have traveled.

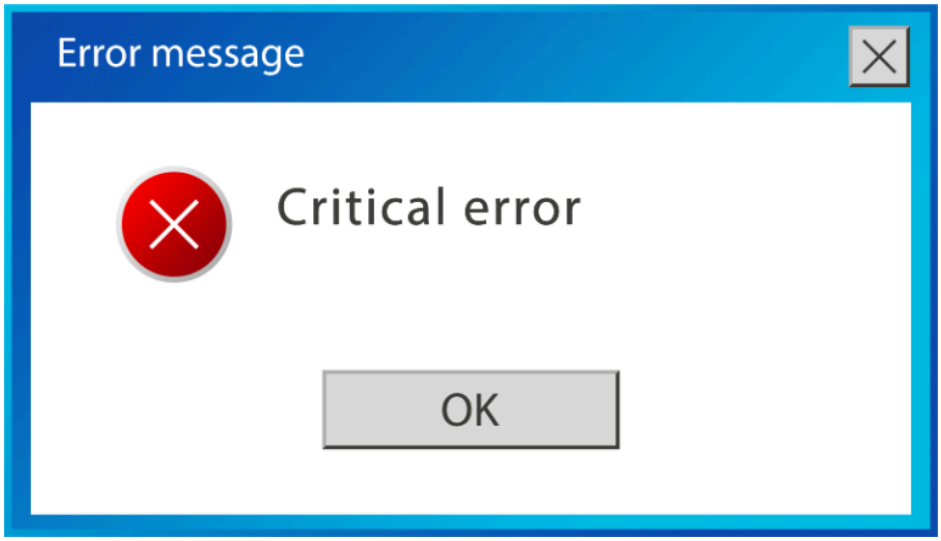
If Smidge did not travel, then was Smidge ever medically necessary?

If Smidge does not exist, then Winter committed financial fraud by crowdfunding for a service animal he either never acquired or disposed of. Disposing of a service animal improperly opens Winter up to civil and criminal penalties on top of civil lawsuits for financial fraud.

There is no quantum reality where Smidge and the Finland escape can comfortably coexist at the same time.

Where is Smidge??

Make this make sense?!



Loud autistic crying noises.

28 November 2025: I have found Winter's High Disturbance essay, and uploaded it to internet.ph for archival preservation in the event of deletion or alteration. Good news, now that I've had a good look at it (I process text better than hearing the audio) … uh.

There is a LOT to unpack here. But there's a mention of Smidge! But …. this solves nothing, and actually makes things worse.

I'll get into that when I can.

Next: Where is the Dog, Part II

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